

Attachment A

We claim:



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1. A rheological additive consisting of the reaction product of:
 - a) a diamine selected from the group consisting of ethylene diamine and hexamethylene diamine;
 - b) one or more straight chain monocarboxylic acids selected for the group consisting of pentanoic acid, hexanoic acid, heptanoic acid and octanoic acid; and
 - c) 12-hydroxystearic acid.
 2. The rheological additive of Claim 1 wherein the reaction product comprises:
 - a) 2 equivalents of said diamine;
 - b) from 0.4 to 1.8 equivalents of one or more of said straight chain monocarboxylic acids having 3 to 7 carbon atoms in the straight chain saturated aliphatic hydrocarbon radical; and
 - c) from 1.6 to 0.2 equivalents of 12-hydroxystearic acid.
 3. The rheological additive of Claim 2 wherein the reaction product comprises:
 - a) 2 equivalents of ethylene diamine;
 - b) from 0.4 to 1.6 equivalents of one or more of said straight chain monocarboxylic acids having 3 to 7 carbon atoms in the straight chain saturated aliphatic hydrocarbon radical; and
 - c) from 1.6 to 0.2 equivalents of 12-hydroxystearic acid.

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4. A paint or coating composition with improved intercoat adhesion containing the rheological additive of Claim 1.
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5. *Combined.* A paint or coating composition with improved intercoat adhesion containing the rheological additive of Claim 2.

6. A paint or coating composition with improved intercoat adhesion containing the rheological additive of Claim 3.

7. A paint or coating composition with improved intercoat adhesion containing the rheological additive of Claim 4.

8. A paint or coating composition with improved intercoat adhesion contain the rheological additive of Claim 5.

9. The composition of Claim 6 where the paint or coating composition is selected from the group consisting of alkyd enamel paints, air drying alkyd paints, long oil alkyd baking paints, two-pack epoxy polyamide primer paints and pvc topcoats.